# California Medi-Cal HIE Onboarding Program (Cal-HOP)

Cal-HOP Overview Webinar for California's HIOs

February 22, 2019

## **Webinar Objectives**

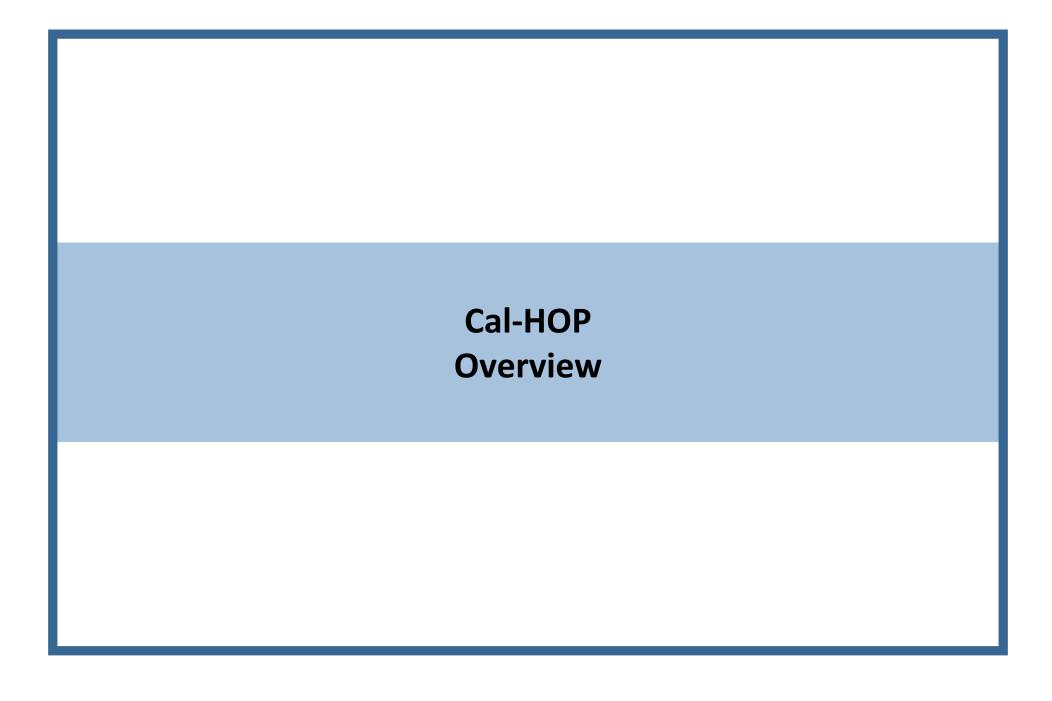
#### **Today's Goals**

- 1 Provide details on the California Medi-Cal HIE Onboarding Program (Cal-HOP)
- 2 Address questions from <u>California Health Information Organizations (HIOs)</u>

#### **March 1st Webinar Goals**

- 1 Review details on the California Medi-Cal HIE Onboarding Program (Cal-HOP)
- 2 Address questions from Provider Organizations

- Cal-HOP Overview and Timeline
- Cal-HOP Structure
- Criteria for Qualifying HIOs
- Milestone Achievement
- Questions



## Vision and Approach

#### Vision

## Expand Medi-Cal providers' access to and use of HIE services to:

- Help Medi-Cal providers meet meaningful use measures
- Improve provider access to information across a medical community
- Improve care coordination
- Improve the quality of care for patients
- Improve efficiency by reducing unnecessary utilization and waste
- Support specific Medi-Cal initiatives, including waiver programs (e.g., Whole Person Care)

#### **Approach**

- Create a Realistic Pathway: Establish an incremental progression of achievable milestones that incentivizes use of HIE services.
- 2. Leverage Existing Regional HIOs: Expand participation in the community-focused resources of California's HIOs that have the technical capabilities to meet our vision.
- **3. Allow Flexibility**: Give Medi-Cal providers and HIOs the flexibility to determine how milestones are achieved.
- **4. Administer Efficiently and Effectively**: Balance program accountability and operational efficiency.
- **5. Monitor and Adjust:** Rigorously monitor and evaluate the program and make adjustments as needed.

### Goals

#### 1. Connect

Increase the number of Medi-Cal providers exchanging patient data via a regional HIO

The value of electronic data exchange for Medi-Cal members and payers increases when the vast majority of Medi-Cal providers within a region participate in an HIO data-exchange network.

#### 2. Expand

Expand the exchange capabilities of Medi-Cal providers that already participate in regional HIOs

Many HIO participants aren't exchanging the full complement of data that will improve the care of their Medi-Cal members.

HIO participants also find it difficult to access important HIO data directly from within their EHRs and workflows.

#### 3. Integrate

Facilitate Medi-Cal providers' access to the CURES prescription drug monitoring database

The prevailing method of accessing CURES is via a web portal that requires extra workflow steps.

Integrating CURES directly into providers' EHRs would greatly facilitate compliance with the law and help to reduce overprescribing of controlled substances.

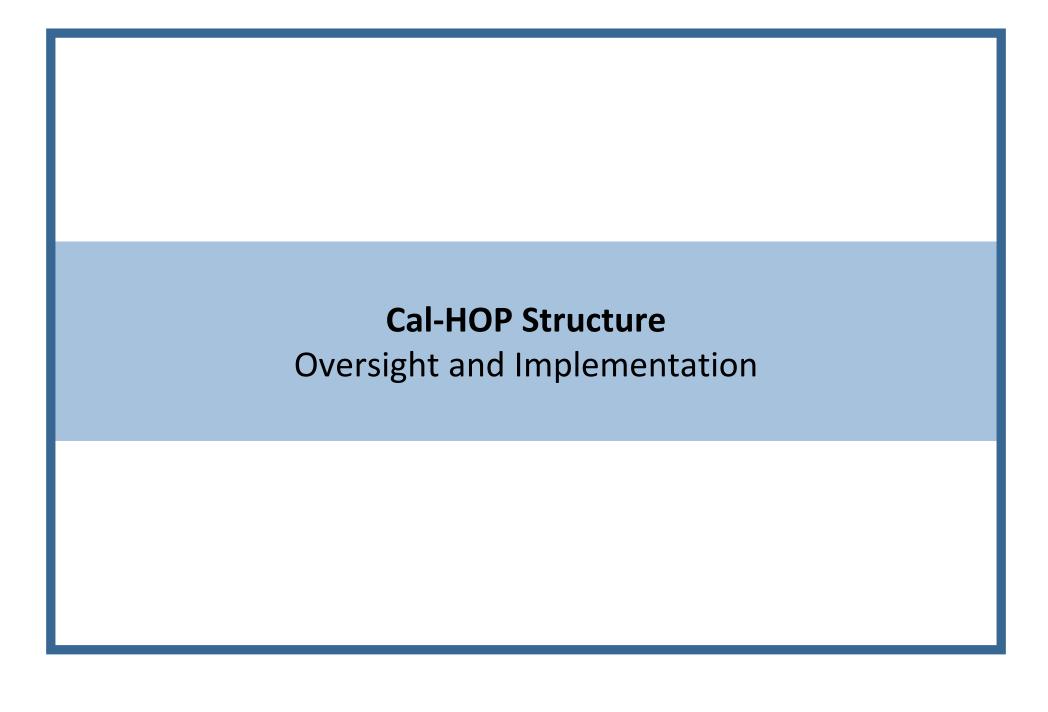
# **Cal-HOP Timeline**Start and End Dates

#### **Program Launch**

- DHCS expects to "officially" launch the program in June 2019.
- DHCS awaiting CMS's final approval of the Cal-HOP plan and supporting contracts.

#### **Program Close**

- CMS authorization for the program ends September 30, 2021.
- All Cal-HOP activities must be completed on or <u>before</u> September 30, 2021.



#### **Basic Features**

#### **Available Funding**

- Up to \$50 million is available from a federal matching program through September 30, 2021.
- \$45 million from federal government and \$5 million match from the state's general fund (approved by CA legislature).

#### **Milestone-Based Payments**

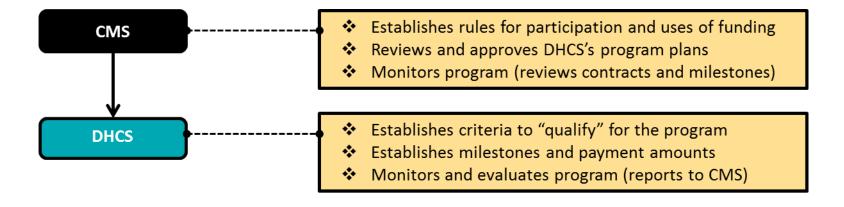
 DHCS will make incentive payments for HIOs and Medi-Cal providers when, working together, they meet specific onboarding and HIE connection milestones.

#### **Key Participants**

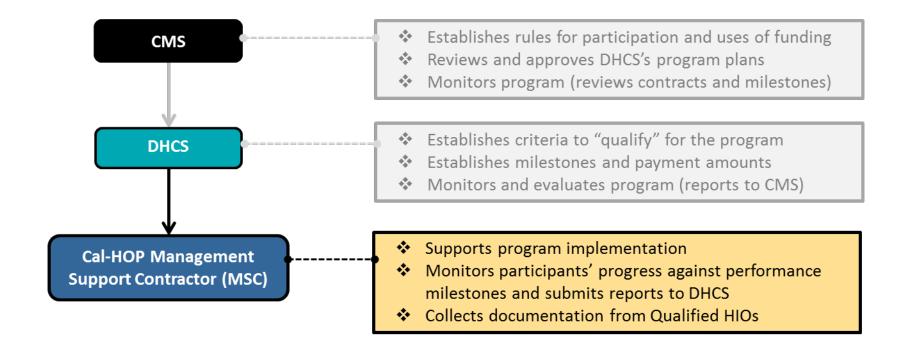
- DHCS will oversee the program and distribute funds.
- Regional HIOs will apply to be "qualified" to participate in the program and will receive payments for meeting milestones with "qualified" provider organizations.
- Medi-Cal provider
   organizations (e.g., hospitals, clinics, practices) will be
   "qualified" to participate in the program and receive support from the "qualified"
   HIOs.

## **Cal-HOP Oversight**

## CMS and DHCS Roles

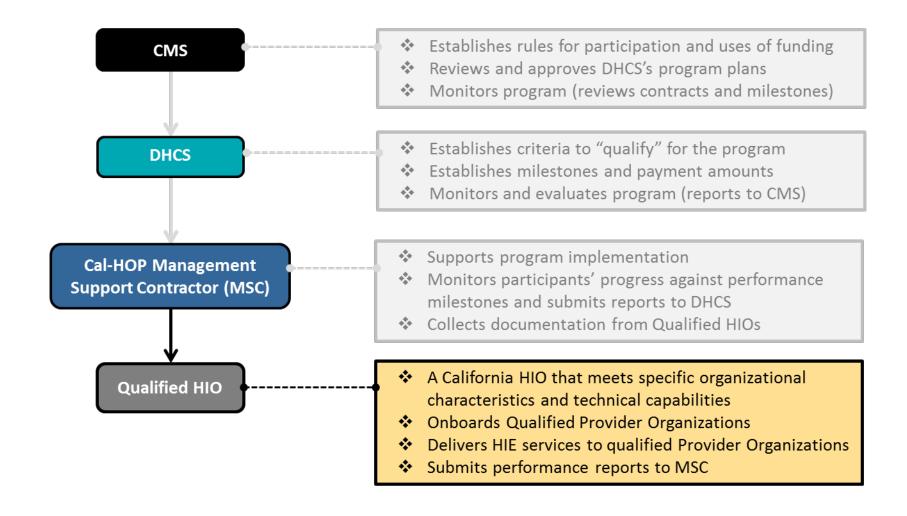


## **Management Support Contractor**

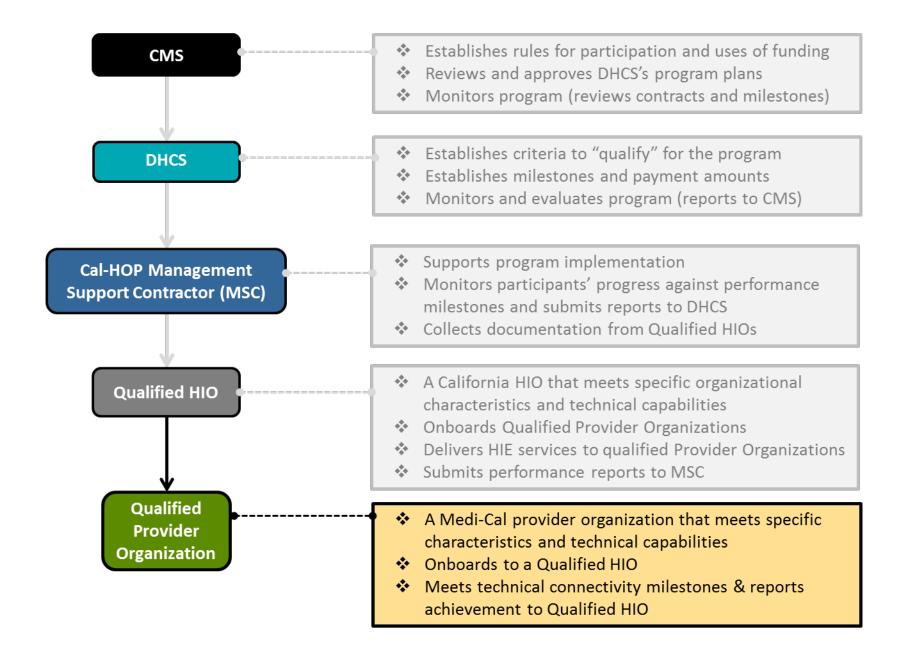


## **Cal-HOP Participants**

## **Qualified HIOs**

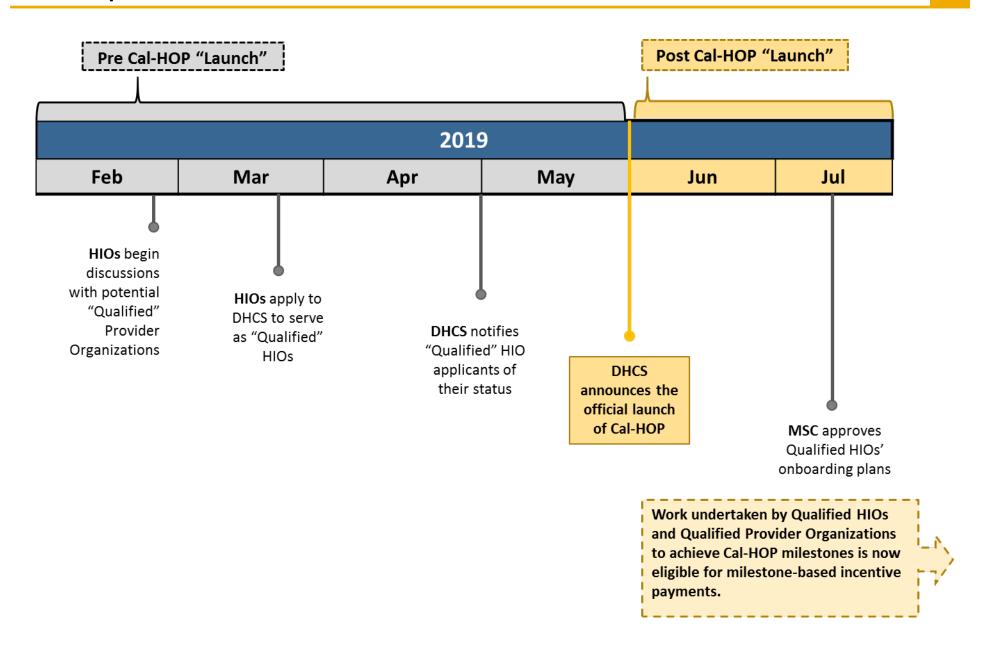


## **Qualified Provider Organizations**

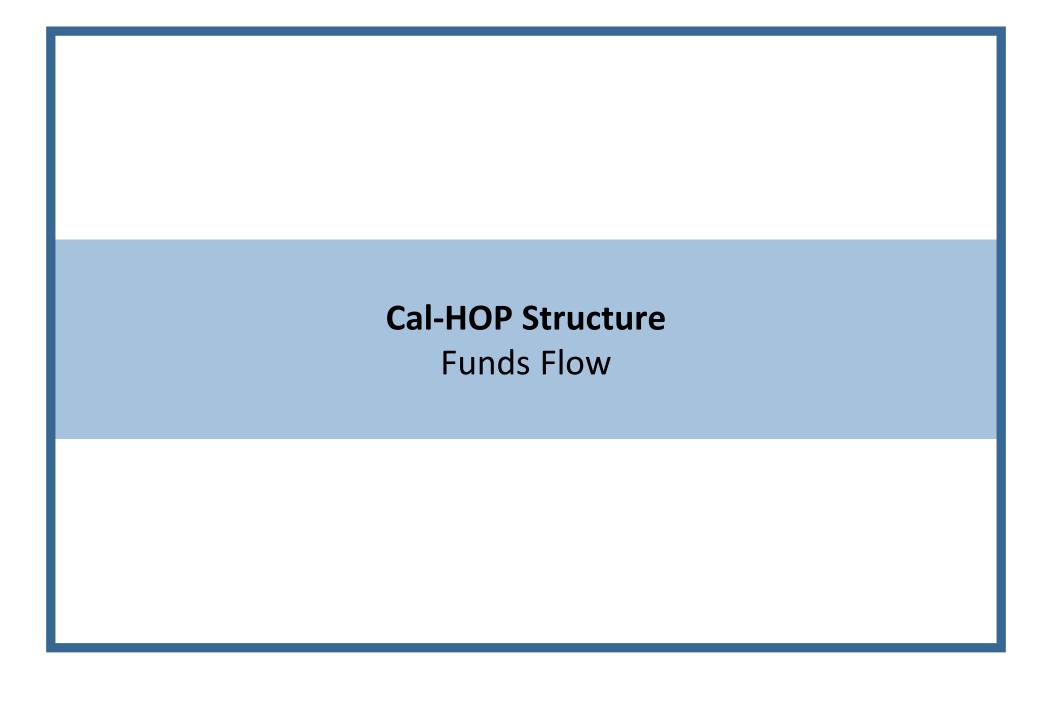


#### **Cal-HOP Timeline**

## Anticipated Timeline over the Next Six Months\*



<sup>\*</sup> Proposed timeline depends upon the timing of CMS's approval of Cal-HOP plan



## **Cal-HOP Funding**

## **Basic Components**

## **Total Amount Available** \$50 Million

 A portion of the funds will be used to support program implementation and monitoring.

## Program Deadline Sept 2021

 CMS doesn't permit payments for activities performed <u>after</u> September 30, 2021.

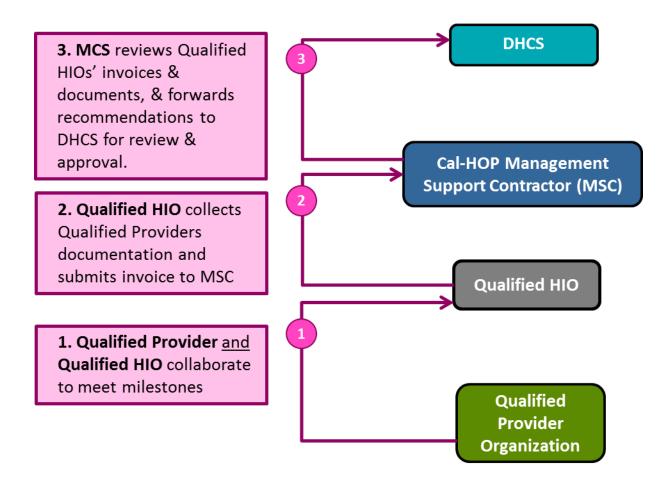
# Program Focus An Incentive Program, Not A Reimbursement Program

- With limited funding, Cal-HOP is not intended to fully reimburse participants' onboarding costs.
- DHCS will explore other mechanisms to help Medi-Cal providers and HIOs cover the costs to establish connectivity and use HIE services.

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## **Cal-HOP Funding**

## Reporting Milestone Achievement



#### **Invoice Note**

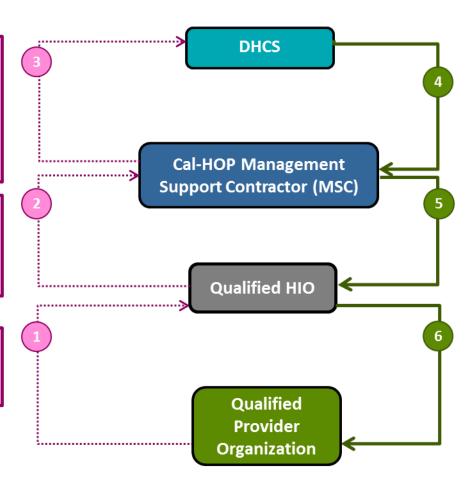
 Qualified HIOs will be able to submit documentation for achieving milestones to the MSC as they occur.

## **Cal-HOP Funding**

## Payment Process

**3. MCS** reviews Qualified HIOs' invoices & documents, & forwards recommendations to DHCS for review & approval.

- 2. Qualified HIO collects
  Qualified Providers
  documentation and
  submits invoice to MSC
- Qualified Provider and Qualified HIO collaborate to meet milestones



- **4. DHCS** makes incentive payments for approved invoices to the MSC
- **5. The MSC** distributes incentive payments to Qualified HIOs
- **6. Qualified HIOs** allocate funds to support Qualified Provider Organizations

#### **Payment Note**

- DHCS will make payments to the MSC within 45 days of receiving a valid request.
- MSC will then make approved payments to Qualified HIOs w/in 10 days.

## Relationships and Milestone Payments

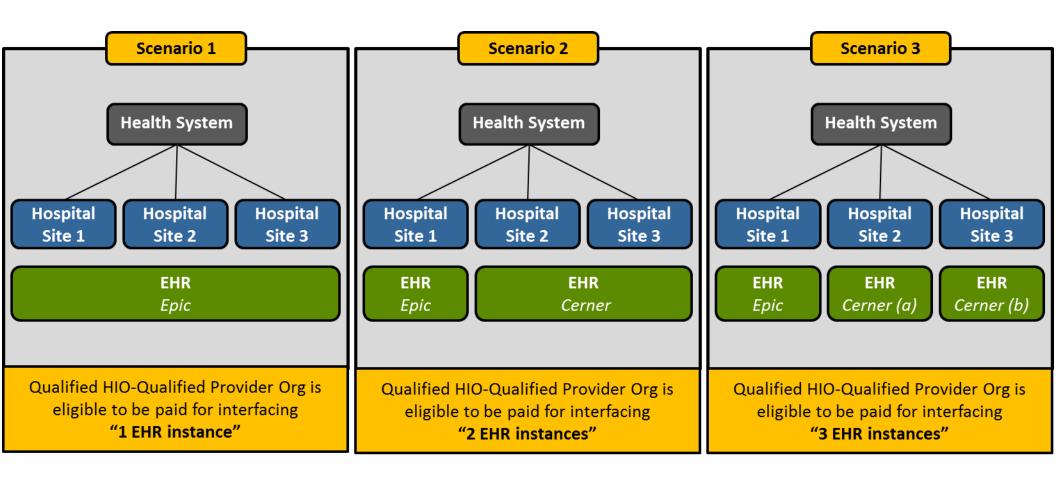
#### **Qualified Provider Organization-Qualified HIO Relationship**

- **❖** For Cal-HOP, the Qualified Provider organizations must designate and work with a single Qualified HIO for achieving Cal-HOP milestones.
- ❖ Once a Qualified Provider Organization achieves Milestone 1 with a Qualified HIO, it must continue to work with that Qualified HIO to achieve any further Cal-HOP milestones (i.e., it may not "switch" and achieve milestones 2 or 3 with another Qualified HIO).
- Qualified Provider Organizations may participate in and connect to multiple HIOs in general, although Cal-HOP payments will only be made for milestones achieved with one Qualified HIO.

## Milestone Payments Based on Interfaced EHR Instances

#### **Milestone Payments**

**❖** Payments will be based on the number of <u>interfaced EHR instances</u> that the Qualified HIO and Qualified Provider Organization connect and NOT on the number of facilities that the Qualified HIO and Qualified Provider Organization connect.



## Restrictions and Eligible Uses

#### **Restrictions on Funding Per CMS**

#### CMS's restrictions on the use of Cal-HOP funds

- 1. Must be used to onboard only providers that bill or render services for Medi-Cal.
- 2. Must be used to help Medi-Cal "Eligible Professionals and Hospitals" fulfill the meaningful use objectives and measures in the Promoting Interoperability Program.
- 3. May not be used for ongoing HIE operations (can only be use for initial onboarding activities).
- 4. May not be used to purchase Certified EHR Technology or modify an EHR to add the functionality needed to achieve certification.

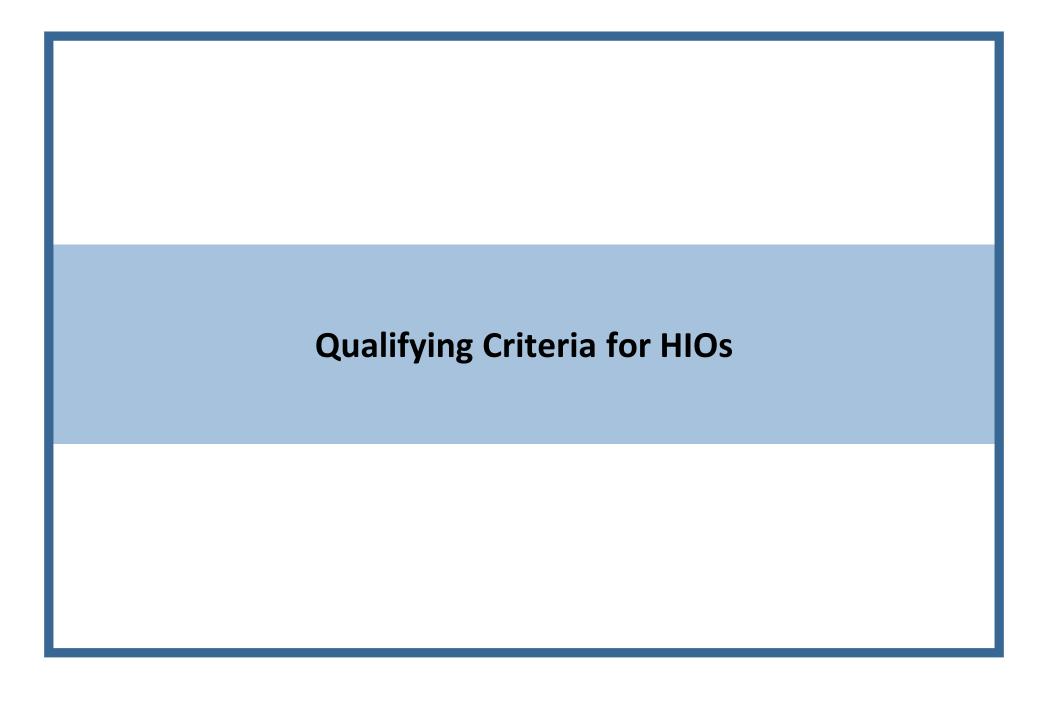
#### **Eligible Uses for Funding Per DHCS**

#### Qualified HIOs may use incentive payments to offset some of their costs, including:

- ❖ The Qualified HIO's costs to connect to a Qualified Provider organization's EHR.
- The Qualified HIO's costs to develop capabilities to perform the HIE services specified in the milestones.
- The Qualified HIO's costs to connect to statewide databases to achieve the specified milestones.

## Qualified HIOs may use incentive payments to offset certain Qualified Provider Organization costs, including:

- Qualified Provider Organizations' costs for their EHR to connect to the Qualified HIO.
- Qualified Provider Organizations' cost to retain a technology consultant to develop interfaces between their EHR and the Qualified HIO.



## Criteria (1)

#### **Organizational Characteristics**

- 1. A California-based non-profit organization or government entity
- Publicly-declared mission is to support the exchange of information with organizations in a defined region
- 3. A multi-stakeholder organization that is: (1) not a health care provider organization or payor, (2) not majority owned by a provider organization or payor, and (3) not majority governed by a provider organization or payor
- 4. Open to participation by any healthcare enterprises that serve Medi-Cal patients regardless of their business affiliations or health IT vendors
- 5. Financially viable and sustainable
- 6. Sufficient insurance and liability coverage
- 7. Ability to scale operations to accommodate the projected onboarding
- 8. Demonstrated commitment from at least 25 Qualified Provider Organizations with the HIO in Cal-HOP

## Criteria (2)

#### **Technical Capabilities**

- 9. Receiving <u>patient-specific clinical data</u> on a regular basis from at least two, non-affiliated hospitals and making these data electronically available to other provider organizations
- 10. Signatory to the California Data Use and Reciprocal Sharing Agreement (CalDURSA)
- 11. Participant in good standing in the California Trusted Exchange Network (CTEN)

#### **Publication and Reporting Requirements**

- 12. Providing up-to-date, public listings of:
  - Current and planned capabilities to assist Qualified Provider organizations meet the Cal-HOP milestone requirements.
  - Applicable fees or fee-calculation methods for Qualified Providers to participate with the Qualified HIO and meet Cal-HOP milestones.
  - Names, organization type, and exchange services of all the provider organizations currently participating in the Qualified HIO.
- 13. Submit quarterly reports to DHCS regarding Cal-HOP onboarding activities within 15 days after the end of each quarter



## Focus and Organization Types

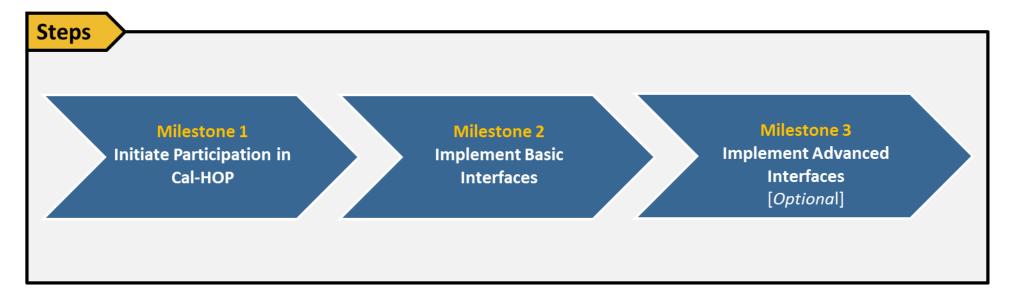
#### **Focus**

- The goal is to create connections directly between Qualified Provider Organizations' health IT systems and Qualified HIOs.
- Milestones create an incremental pathway to high-value use cases (e.g., event-based notifications, access to critical clinical data, integration with CURES).

#### **First Steps**

- Type of Qualified Provider Organization will determined milestone payment amounts
  - ☐ Hospitals
  - ☐ Ambulatory Organizations
    - **Tier 1** (< 10 providers)
    - **Tier 2** (≥ 10 providers)
- DHCS will count providers based on CMS's definition of "eligible professional" for the Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program, i.e., including one of the following five types of Medicaid professionals: (1) physicians, (2) dentists, (3) certified nursemidwives, (4) nurse practitioners, and (5) physician assistants

## **Steps and Timing**



#### **Timing Considerations**

- Milestone 2 must be completed within one year of Milestone 1 being achieved.
- Milestones 2 and Milestone 3 (if undertaken) must be completed before Sept 30, 2021.
- DHCS reserves the right to rescind funding distributed to Qualified HIOs if:
  - Live connections for Milestone 2 and (if undertaken) Milestone 3 are not maintained for 1 year, or
  - ☐ Milestone 2 is not achieved within 1 year of achieving Milestone 1.

## Initiate Participation in Cal-HOP

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#### Requirements

- Qualified Provider organization signs attestation of Medi-Cal participation.
- Qualified Provider organization signs attestation of its vendors' readiness to achieve selected milestone goals, to the extent that vendor participation will be required.
- Qualified HIO provides executed documentation of the Qualified Provider Organization formal participation in the Qualified HIO (i.e., a participation agreement, data-sharing agreement, BAA, and other required documents signed by the Qualified Provider Organization).
- Qualified Provider organization signs an agreement with the QHIO that documents: (1) the organization's intent to participate in Cal-HOP with the QHIO and (2) projection of the milestones it intends to achieve.

	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)
Hospitals	\$ 25,000			
Ambulatory Provider Tier 1	\$ 5,000			
(< 10 providers)	\$ 5,000			
Ambulatory Provider Tier 2	¢ 5 000			
(≥ 10 providers)	\$ 5,000			

### **ADT Submission and Event Notifications**

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#### Requirements

#### For Hospitals

- Documented live (at least daily) feed of ADT (or equivalent) messages delivered to the Qualified HIO within 24 hours of an ED visit, hospital admission, and hospital discharge for Medi-Cal patients who are eligible to be included in the Qualified HIO.
- If the hospital includes outpatient clinics, documented (at least daily) feed of ADT (or equivalent) messages delivered to the Qualified HIO within 24 hours of an encounter for Medi-Cal patients who are eligible to be included in the Qualified HIO.
- Demonstrated access to and/or use of ADT-based encounter notifications provided by the Qualified HIO via a query/response (pull) mechanism or publish/subscribe (push) mechanism.

#### For Provider Practice, Clinic, IPA/Medical Group, and other non-Hospital organizations

- Documented (at least daily) feed of ADT (or equivalent) messages delivered to the Qualified HIO within 24 hours of an encounter for Medi-Cal patients who are eligible to be included in the Qualified HIO.
- Demonstrated access to and/or use of ADT-based encounter notifications provided by the Qualified HIO via a query/response (pull) or publish/subscribe (push) mechanism.

	Milestone 1 (Cal-HOP Onboarding)	Milestone 2a (ADT/Event feed)	Milestone 2b (CURES link)	Milestone 3 (Advanced Interfaces)
Hospitals		\$ 20,000		
Ambulatory Provider Tier 1		\$ 10,000		
(< 10 providers)		Ş 10,000		
Ambulatory Provider Tier 2		ć 7 000		
(≥ 10 providers)		\$ 7,000		

## CURES Integration

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#### Requirements

#### For All Applicable Providers\*

Documented CURES PDMP data-querying and data-retrieval function that is provided by the Qualified HIO and is integrated into the clinical workflow of the Qualified Provider organization's EHR.

-OR-

Qualified Provider organizations that already integrate with the CURES database from within their EHRs via a mechanism other than the Qualified HIO (e.g., provided by their EHR vendor directly, or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party) will be exempt from having to meet connectivity to CURES through the Qualified HIO.

Note: Milestone 2 payments will be adjusted depending upon which CURES integration approach is taken.

\* Provider organizations required by law to consult the CURES database when prescribing controlled substances.

Note: Qualified HIOs will receive separate DHCS funding to build interfaces between the Qualified HIO and CURES

	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)
Hospitals			\$ 30,000	
Ambulatory Provider Tier 1			\$ 15,000	
(< 10 providers)			\$ 13,000	
Ambulatory Provider Tier 2			ć 11 000	
(≥ 10 providers)			\$ 11,000	



## Advanced HIE Services: Categories and Payments

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#### **Requirements**

- Qualified Provider Organization and Qualified HIO must implement a specified number of advanced interfaces selected from a list of <u>35</u> designated interface types.
  - **Hospitals** must implement **5** such advanced interfaces
  - Ambulatory providers must implement <u>3</u> such advanced interfaces
- Qualified Provider Organization and Qualified HIO may identify alternative types of advanced interfaces to qualify for Milestone 3 achievement, contingent on DHCS approval.

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## Advanced HIE Services: "Categories" & "Interfaces"

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Qualified HIO and Qualified Provider organization must implement interfaces listed below (may choose from any category(ies))

Category A: Data feeds between a Qualified Provider Organization's EHR and a Qualified HIO	Category B: Data submission or retrieval services with Public Health Registries into Qualified Provider Organization's EHR	Category C: Integration of clinical data from the HIO into the provider's EHR via web- services API (e.g., FHIR)	Category D: Activation of a new edge server and/or addition of following data types to existing edge server
<ul> <li>□ Laboratory results via HL7 messaging</li> <li>□ Med list via HL7 messaging</li> <li>□ Radiology reports via HL7 messaging</li> <li>□ Discharge summaries via HL7 messaging</li> <li>□ Referral request via HL7</li> <li>□ Consult note via HL7</li> <li>□ Structured clinical documents – as HL7 C-CDAs (CCD, Discharge Summary, Referral Note, Consultation Note)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Submission of immunizations from QP to CAIR2 registry</li> <li>□ Real-time retrieval of immunizations from CAIR2 registry to QP within clinical workflow – via API or SSO</li> <li>□ Submission of Advance Directives / POLST forms to POLST registry</li> <li>□ Real-time retrieval of ADs/POLST forms from POLST registry within clinical workflow – via API or SSO</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Laboratory results</li> <li>□ Medication lists</li> <li>□ Problem lists</li> <li>□ Radiology reports</li> <li>□ Diagnostic quality images</li> <li>□ Discharge summaries</li> <li>□ Immunizations</li> <li>□ Advance Directives / POLST</li> <li>□ Patient summary (e.g., CCD)</li> <li>□ EMS NEMSIS reports</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ CCD document</li> <li>□ Other C/CDA document</li> <li>□ Laboratory results</li> <li>□ Radiology reports</li> <li>□ Diagnostic quality images</li> <li>□ Medication lists</li> <li>□ Allergies</li> <li>□ Problem lists</li> <li>□ Immunizations</li> <li>□ Advance Directives / POLST</li> <li>□ EMS NEMSIS reports</li> </ul>
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#### Category E: "Other"

HIOs may petition DHCS to implement other type(s) of interfaces to count towards Milestone 3

CalREDIE registry



## Advanced HIE Services: "Selection" and "Payments"

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#### **Hospital Requirements**

Must implement <u>five</u> interfaces with Qualified HIO

#### **Ambulatory Organization Requirements**

Must implement <u>three</u> interfaces with Qualified HIO

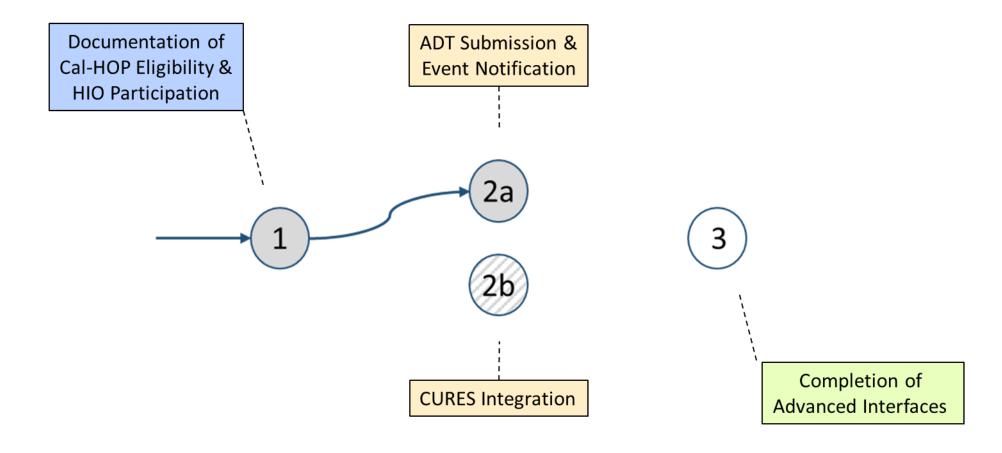
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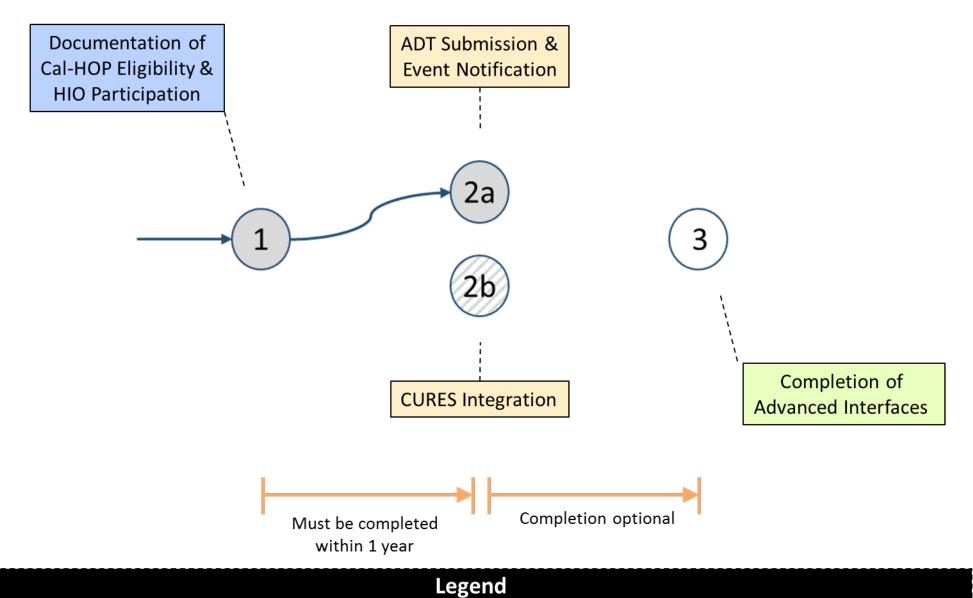
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	Milestone 1 (Cal-HOP Onboarding)	Milestone 2a (ADT/Event feed)	Milestone 2b (CURES link)	Milestone 3 (Advanced Interfaces)
Hospitals				\$ 75,000
Ambulatory Provider Tier 1				\$ 25,000
(< 10 providers)				\$ 25,000
Ambulatory Provider Tier 2				¢ 3F 000
(≥ 10 providers)				\$ 25,000

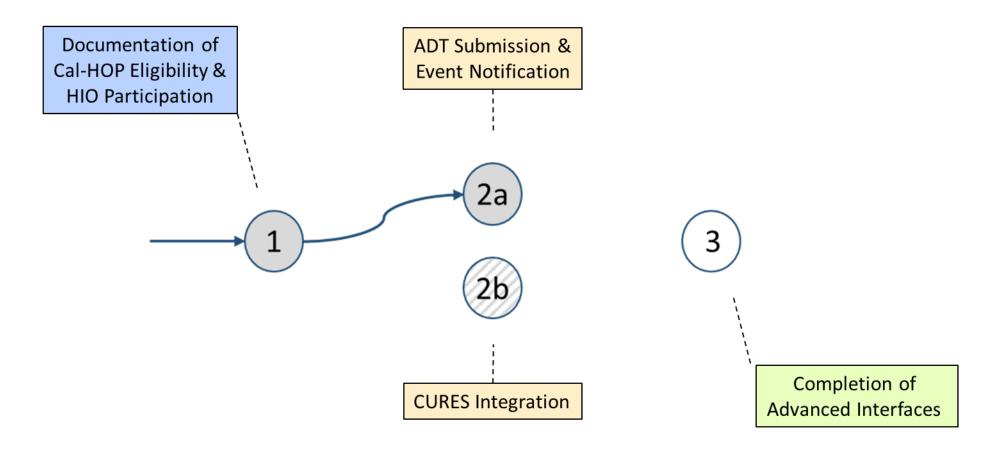










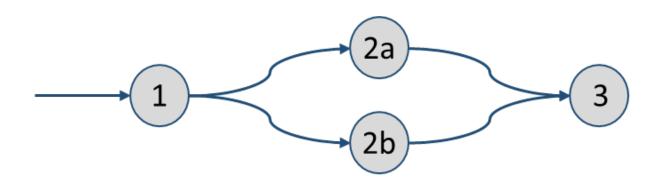


	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3	<b>Total Per Hospital</b>
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	<b>EHR Instance</b>
Hospital	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	-	-	\$ 45,000



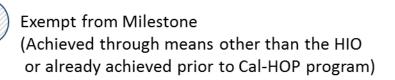
## **Maximum-Payment Scenario**

Hospital participates in Cal-HOP and completes both elements of Milestone 2, and goes on to complete Milestone 3.



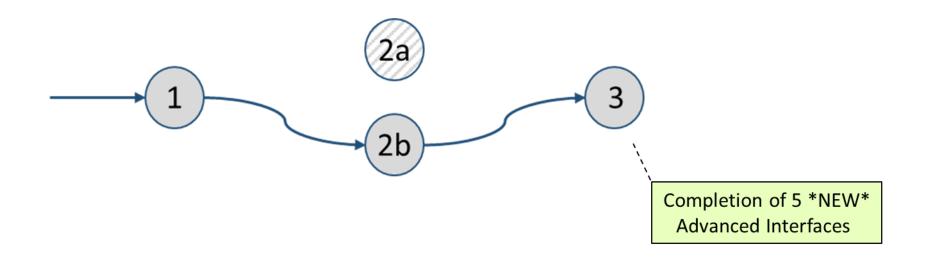
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	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	EHR Instance
Hospital	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000





## **Prior HIO Participant Scenario**

Existing hospital of an HIO now participates in Cal-HOP. The hospital is exempted from completing Milestone 2a, completes Milestone 2b, and goes on to complete Milestone 3.

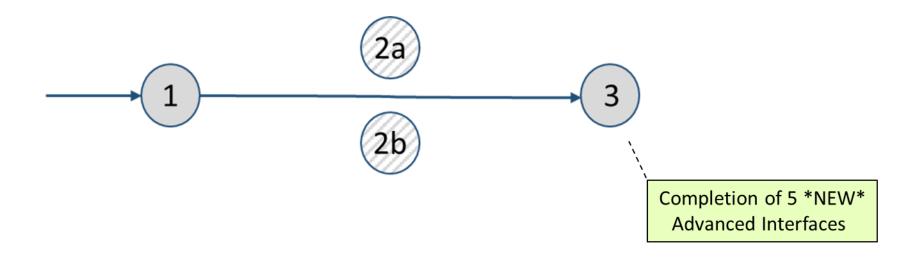


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	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	<b>EHR Instance</b>
Hospital	\$ 25,000	-	\$ 30,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 130,000



## Milestone 3 Only Scenario

Existing member of an HIO now participates in Cal-HOP. The hospital already has an ADT interface, interfaces directly to CURES via its EHR, but completes Milestone 3.



	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3	Total Per Hospital
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	<b>EHR Instance</b>
Hospital	\$ 25,000	-	-	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000



Hospital achieves Milestone 1 and receives milestone payment, but fails to complete or get exemption for any of the Milestones 2a, 2b, or 3 within the required time frames.

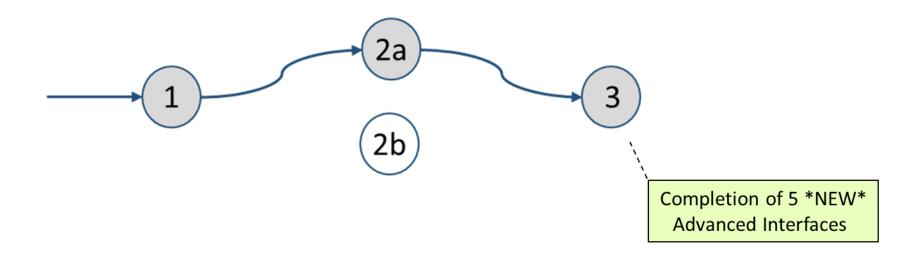


	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3	Total Per Hospital
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	EHR Instance
Hospital	\$ 25,000	-	1	-	\$ 25,000
Clawback amount	\$ (25,000)	-	1	-	\$ (25,000)



## "Clawback" Scenario 2: Incomplete Milestone 2

Hospital participates in Cal-HOP, completes Milestone 2a, fails to complete <u>or</u> be exempted from Milestone 2b within the required time frame, and goes on to complete Milestone 3.



	Milestone 1	Milestone 2a	Milestone 2b	Milestone 3	Total Per Hospital
	(Cal-HOP Onboarding)	(ADT/Event feed)	(CURES link)	(Advanced Interfaces)	<b>EHR Instance</b>
Hospital	\$ 25,000	-	-	-	\$ 25,000
Clawback amount	\$ (25,000)	-	-	-	\$ (25,000)



